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Judge Kollar-Kotally,

The U.S. is giving away the store in the proposed U.S. vs. Microsoft final judgment, and the settlement should be rejected. The proposed settlement has serious flaws. The courts have convicted Microsoft of many anti-trust violations resulting in many billions of dollars of profits, yet the proposed solution would allow the company to keep almost all of that money and would provide no protection against future abuse of Microsoft's power.

Forcing Microsoft to give away software (and even hardware) to schools is barely a punishment, either, as it allows Microsoft to further expand its dominance into perhaps the one market it doesn't yet fully control--the education market. And setting up a structure whereby Microsoft would essentially police itself is entirely the wrong approach to protecting us.

I ask you to reject the proposed final judgment on these grounds.

Sincerely,

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